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H. R. 1545

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of Fort San Geronimo and other related resources in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion in the National Park System as part of the San Juan National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2007

Mr. FORTUÑO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT STUDY.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

5 (1) FORT SAN GERONIMO.—The term “Fort
6 San Geronimo” (also known as “Fortín de San

1 Gerónimo del Boquerón”) means the fort and
2 grounds listed on the National Register of Historic
3 Places and located near Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.

4 (2) RELATED RESOURCES.—The term “related
5 resources” means other parts of the fortification sys-
6 tem of Old San Juan that are not currently included
7 within the boundary of San Juan National Historic
8 Site, such as sections of the City Wall or other for-
9 tifications.

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date
13 that funds are made available, the Secretary shall conduct
14 a boundary study to evaluate the significance of Fort San
15 Geronimo and other related resources in the Common-
16 wealth of Puerto Rico, as well as the suitability and feasi-
17 bility of their inclusion in the National Park System as
18 part of San Juan National Historic Site. In conducting
19 the study, the Secretary shall, where appropriate, coordi-
20 nate with the Commonwealth and local governments and
21 other interested parties, and shall provide opportunities
22 for public involvement and public comment.

23 (c) CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study shall include an
24 analysis of—

1 (1) the significance of San Geronimo and re-
2 lated resources in relation to the occupation and de-
3 fense of Old San Juan;

4 (2) opportunities for public enjoyment of the
5 site(s) as part of the San Juan National Historic
6 Site;

7 (3) any operational and management issues
8 that need to be considered if San Geronimo and re-
9 lated resources were added to the San Juan Na-
10 tional Historic Site;

11 (4) a determination of the feasibility of admin-
12 istering San Geronimo and related resources consid-
13 ering their size, configuration, ownership, costs, and
14 other factors, as part of San Juan National Historic
15 Site; and

16 (5) an evaluation of the adequacy of other alter-
17 natives for management and resource protection of
18 San Geronimo and related resources.

19 (d) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Upon completion of
20 the study, the Secretary shall submit a report on the find-
21 ings of the study to the Committee on Energy and Natural
22 Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural
23 Resources of the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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